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Citizen Potawatomi attend 'Gathering of the Nations'

Representatives of all seven organized Potawatomi tribes and nations met at the Hannahville Indian Community near Wilson, Michigan, Aug. 29-Sept. 1 for the third "Gathering of the Nations," bringing together tribal representatives of the Anishnabec, as the Potawatomi people call themselves.

Elected officials from each of the Potawatomi tribes and nations—the Citizen Potawatomi, Hannahville Potawatomi, Prairie Potawatomi, Forrest County Potawatomi, Huron Potawatomi, Canadian Potawatomi and Pokegon Potawatomi—were hosted by the Hannahville Potawatomi.

Citizen Potawatomi will host the next Gathering in Shawnee, Oklahoma, Aug. 21-24, 1997.

"Many tribal members will recall that the first gathering of representatives of all seven nations took place in 1984 at the Century Center in South Bend, Indiana," said Chairman John A. Barrett. "Traditional prayers were offered for the unity of all Potawatomi people. The



Gary Bibb Holds High The Ceremonial Staff Presented To The Citizen Potawatomi Nation As Host Of The 1997 Gathering. In The Black Shirt Is Stewart King, Canadian Potawatomi, And Behind Him Is Phil Shopodock, Forrest County Potawatomi.

Creator has answered our prayers in the beginning of this tradition of the 'Gathering of

the Nations.'" Attending the 1996 Gathering were Hannahville tribal

chairman Ken Mishagaud; Shirley English, chairwoman of the Huron Potawatomi; Stewart

King, chairman of the Canadian Potawatomi; Mamie Rupnicki, chairman of the Prairie Potawatomi; and Phil Shopodock, chairman of the Forrest County Potawatomi. The Pokegon chairman was unable to attend but the tribe was represented by other tribal officials.

Barrett was assisted in ceremonies honoring the seven tribes and nations by Citizen Potawatomi Nation member Gary Bibb. Traditional and religious ceremonies were held by Earl Mishagaud, Billy Daniels, Don Perrote, Stewart King and Bennie Potts. Numerous elders spoke on tribal tradition and history, including John Thomas of the Prairie Potawatomi.

Citizen Potawatomi who attended in addition to Barrett and Bibb were Washington Regional Council Director Susan Campbell, Janet Wright of Washington, D.C., former chairman Leon Bruno and family and Leo Neddeau of Kansas.

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Colbert resigns, Business Committee assumes direct tribal management

Tribal Administrator J.D. Colbert submitted his resignation effective Sept. 27 to pursue an opportunity in private business.

"It has been a pleasure acting as tribal administrator for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation," Colbert said. "It has been a great experience meeting many of the Potawatomi people through the Regional Councils and other functions. I will hold many fond memories of my time spent in service to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. I want to thank all of the employees for their efforts and dedication, and wish the

tribe and its officials success in the future."

Chairman John Barrett was selected by the Business Committee to assume the bulk of the duties previously assigned to Colbert. Barrett served as tribal administrator from 1983-85 and has been active in tribal operations as chairman of the Business Committee.

"We anticipate substantial adjustments



in tribal operations in order to meet present budget limitations," Barrett said. "The tribe will also redirect its efforts towards increased services to Citizen Potawatomi rather than the general Native American population of our area. A fundamental philosophical change in operations will be apparent in a de-emphasis on federal funding."

As a humorous aside, Barrett recalled an old saying, "Dance with the one whut brung ya," noting that the "Citizen Potawatomi achieved their present success because of our entrepreneurial business

endeavors, not federal handouts. Strengthening tribal enterprise is our best long-term method to provide services to our tribal members."

Barrett held meetings with Deputy Administrator Bob Trousdale and department heads to consult with them on ways to reduce expenses and redirect efforts towards services to tribal members.

"The Business Committee has prioritized necessary changes in tribal operations," he said, "which will be accomplished with the aid of Bob Trousdale and the cooperation of all employees."

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Walking on ...

JOSEPHINE ESTEP

Josephine Estep, age 88, passed away July 15, 1996, at Deaconess Hospital in Oklahoma City. She was born January 9, 1908, in Wanette, Okla., and was baptised into her Catholic faith February 2, 1908.

Born to Paul and Martha Jane Toupin, Josephine grew up in Wanette and married Edgar Quinton Estep of El Reno on December 31, 1930, at the Catholic church in Geary. During their life together, they farmed and resided in Texas and Geary. After the death of her husband on October 23, 1962, she moved to Yukon, Oklahoma.

She is preceded in death by her husband; one son, Delbert; one daughter, Barbara; two grandchildren, Timothy Clay Martin and Cynthia Joe Martin; one great-grandchild, Melissa Quilinda Martin; four brothers and five sisters.

Survivors include one son, Elbert Estep and wife Betty Jo of Plains, Texas; two daughters, Jean Meade and husband Bill, and Elsie Foster and husband Charley, both of Yukon; and one sister, Juanita Watts of Jones, Okla., six grandchildren, Mary Bomhoff and husband Tom of Yukon, Barbara Gonzalez and husband Rudy of Flowermound, Texas, Mark Meade of Oklahoma City, John E. Estep and wife Debra of Grandview, Texas, Ronald D. Estep of Amarillo,

Texas, Robert Q. Martin and wife Vicki of Yukon; twelve great-grandchildren, Denise Ryburn and husband Jim of Yukon, Lisa Bomhoff of Enid, Melissa Bomhoff of Yukon, Teresa Bomhoff of Yukon, Jason Tiemann of Flowermound, Texas, Christopher Tiemann of Flowermound, Texas, Brian Martin of Yukon, Cynthia Martin of Yukon, Katie Estep of Grandview, Texas, Timothy Martin of California, Angela Martin of California, Matthew Martin of California, and a granddaughter on the way; and one great-great-grandson, Jerrod Marshall Ryburn.

JULIA ELDEN

Julia Elden, 85, daughter of Julia Anderson MeEvers and William MeEvers, died suddenly of a heart attack on August 16, 1996. She was in good health, active and driving until her death.

Julia was born in Bonner Springs, Kansas and graduated from Drumright High School in Oklahoma. She moved to Sylvania, Ohio to live near her three older brothers, Rube, Joe and David, who had relocated to that area for work. She married John E. Elden (deceased) and is survived by her four sons, John B., Perrysburg, Ohio, Roy E., Loudon Tn., William D., Holland, Ohio, Dan E., Ft. Pierce, Fl.; 14 grand children; 8-great grandchildren; and two foster daughters, Pam Salisbury and Mary Jane Elias. Services were held at Reeb Funeral Home in Sylvania, Ohio and she was buried next to her husband at Toledo Memorial Park.

Submitted by her son, John B. Elden

FRANK JOSEPH CASTANEDA

My beloved brother Frank Joseph Castaneda passed on May 17, 1996. Frank was very proud to be a direct descendant of Abraham Burnett and a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

We will all miss his wonderful ways and his loving quick smile that he always gave to his family and friends, and the sound of his motorcycle when he came to our homes for a visit. We will always know how much he loved us all.

Committal services were held at San Josquin Valley National Cemetery in Santa Nella, Ca. for Frank on May 23 1996. He died of natural causes in Los Banos, CA.

Frank was born on July 27, 1935 in Toppenish, Washington. He grew up in Wapato, Washington, where he graduated from Wapato High School. He was

a veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

Frank moved to California in 1965 and lived in Los Banos for the past 20 years until his death.

Survivors include his two sons Frank Jr. and Timothy Castaneda; two daughters Linda Guzman and Sophia Borjia of Washington State and Deanna, Liza, Joanna Castaneda, all of California; ten grandchildren; five brothers, Robert, Antonio, and Steven Castaneda, of Los Banos, Richard and Domingo Castaneda of Los Angeles County; five sisters, Romona Carganilla, Joann Dudley of Los Banos, Frances Gonzales and Clara Henle of Washington State, Florence Foster of Los Angeles County; 39 nieces and nephews; 47 great-nieces and nephews; and one great-great-niece.

I apologize to our many family and friends in Washington State and Oklahoma for not getting in touch with each and every one of them about the passing on of Frank.

Submitted by Florence D. Foster

MARY JO STUBBS

(Corrected Version)

Mary Jo Stubbs passed on June 23, 1996, after an extended illness. She was born in Wanette, OK, Dec. 12, 1928, to Mary Alice LaReau and William Alison Taylor. She spent her formative years in Wanette. Later the family moved to Shawnee where she graduated from high school with the Class of 1945. She was elected homecoming queen during her last year in high school.

In 1946 Mary married her high school sweetheart, Rex Stubbs, and accompanied him to the West Coast for a tour of duty with the United States Navy, after which they would return to Oklahoma where they would remain. In 1979 Mary retired from Liberty National Bank in Oklahoma City and joined Rex as co-founder of Village Art Lamp Company. She retired from Village Art in 1994.

Mary will long be remembered as a loyal and loving wife, mother, sister and friend. Her gentle and soft-spoken manner will be deeply missed by all who were fortunate to know her.

In addition to Rex, Mary leaves behind a daughter Marion and son-in-law John Matlock; son Stewart Stubbs and wife Deni; and daughter Alison and son-in-law Joe Dunaway; nine grandchildren and one-great-grandchild; three sisters; several nieces and nephews; one great-nephew; and one great-niece.

Also remaining is the family Border Collie, Mike, who loved her.

Submitted by Jean LaReau Miller



Scholar-Athlete

Brenton Todd Dickerson, 1996 graduate of Butner High School in Cromwell, Oklahoma, was 1994-95 East Central All-Conference MVP, 1995-96 East Central All-Conference MVP, 1996 Glencoe Tournament MVP, Oklahoma Basketball Coaches Association All-Star, Oklahoma Coaches Association All-State, Seminole Sport Festival All-Star game, East Central Conference All-Star game and leading scorer in Class A for 1995-96, with 26.5 points per game. He is the son of Kenneth and Christy Dickerson of Cromwell and the grandson of Dallas and Audrey Barnes of Asher, Oklahoma. Brenton is a descendant of Citizen Potawatomi allottee George Muller. He is presently attending Seminole State College on a scholastic scholarship.

Kambiss anniversary will be solid gold

Ted and Audrey Kambiss will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on November 7, 1996. Their children are throwing a party for them that day, Saturday, November 7, in Holiday, Florida. Audrey (Buchanan) Kambiss was born in Oklahoma and is a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Mr. and Mrs. Kambiss reside in Palm Harbor, Florida.

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Choctaw nation now flipping hamburgers

Chief Hollis E. Roberts recently took the first burgers off the flame at the newly opened Burger King at the Choctaw Nation Durant Travel Plaza #2.

The fuel pumps, convenience store, smoke shop and Burger King restaurant all opened Sept. 9.

Representatives of the Burger King Corporation, Mike Collins and Mark Stalls, along with local director of operations, Ray Kassem, showed Chief Roberts through the kitchen and explained how the burgers are char-broiled, and kept thoroughly heated for the customers.

Chief Roberts got to try his hand at putting together a burger hot off the grill and did so well that the manager, LaDonna Hobbs, let him move up to grilled chicken sandwiches. When it came to the fries, though, Chief Roberts decided to turn in his apron and let the experts take over.

Sales at all three stores began immediately upon opening. Viola Cavendar and Evelyn Williams were patiently waiting for the 10 a.m. opening so they could be the very first pull-tab players at the convenience store/smoke shop.

Cars, trucks and a motor home were pulling in to fuel up a few minutes after 10 a.m., and by 10:30 a.m., the Burger King drive through window was busy taking orders.

This truck stop is right across busy highway 69/75 from the first Choctaw Nation Travel Plaza and Bingo Palace.

"The success of the first travel plaza was phenomenal," said Chief Roberts. "We were overcrowded with business, so we built this one across the road."

There are 130 employees at the three stores at the new travel plaza. Existing Travel Plazas in other towns include one in Hugo, Idabel and Pocala. New plazas will be built soon in McAlester, Broken Bow and Atoka.

"These stores generate income for the Choctaw nation that we can put back into services for the people," said Chief Roberts.

"Some of the best things the tribe does with the money is to help with scholarships for school, health care for our people, medical supplies and medicines that IHS does not provide, and programs that improve the lives of our Senior Citizens."

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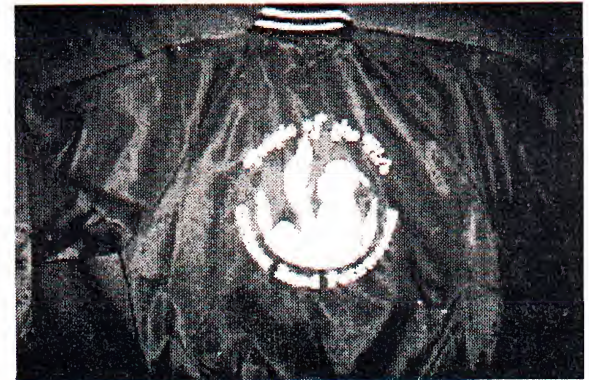
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THE HAVEN

Dusky boulders transverse the golden prairie
muscles ripple beneath coarse hides,
An inauspicious echo of a guttural bellow
profound reminders that we must abide,

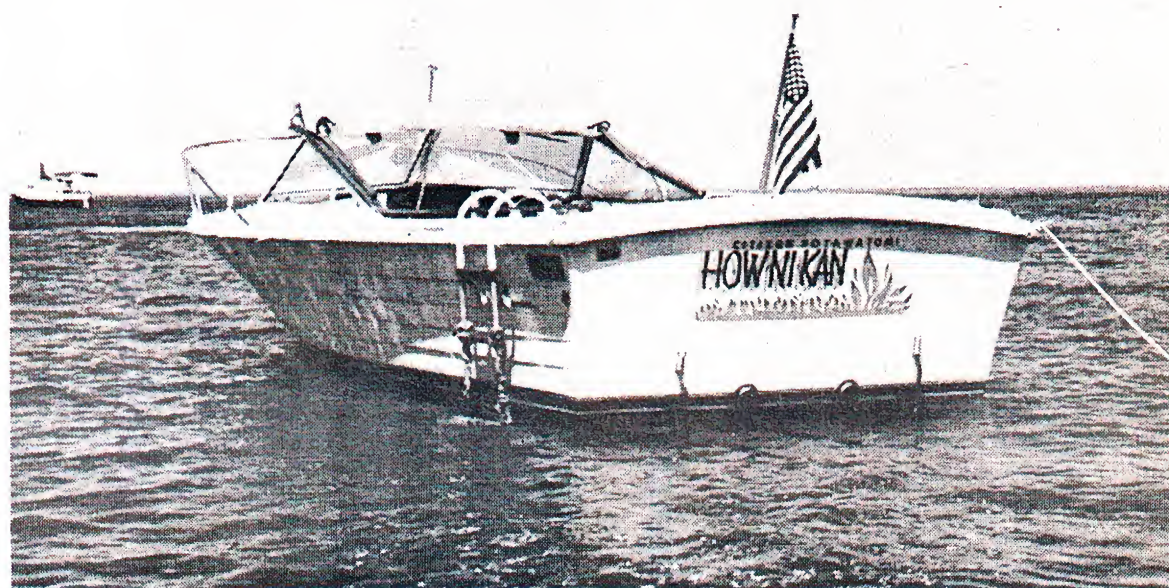
Tendrils of woven hair, branch to the heavens
noble crowns revered by hearth mates,
Dauntlessly challenging all of providence
Whilst mourning the kindred lost to the fates,

Where once were thousands, now are few
shaggy heads raised, eyes luminous in worth,
Spurning the ages of the primeval
defying a generation immutable since birth,

Eternal thunder reverberating the plains
antiquated trophies exhibited in disgrace,
Archaic hides humanity dismally bartered
lavish negligence that discredits our race,

These mountains are now their haven
no longer quelled by craven animosity,
Interlaced wire thwarting the injudicious
praying for the purification of humanity.

David Johnson
Lawton, OK



Hello, My Friend The Boat

This 24-foot Lyman boat bears a familiar name — the "HowNiKan." The boat, which is owned by John B. Elden of Perrysburg, Ohio, is shown anchored off Kelly's Island in Lake Erie. John and his wife Marjorie do extensive boating on the Great Lakes and invite any Potawatomi people in the area who spot them to come visit.

Tribal member's work earns art show prize

Tribal member Jake Robison recently won second place in the jewelry division of the 1996

State Capitol Art Show sponsored by Institution Programs in Oklahoma City.

Robison's beadwork is on sale in the Potawatomi Museum Gift Shop.

Kansas Grad

Vicki Jean King, 26, graduated from the University of Kansas at Lawrence, Kansas in May 1996. She earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology with an emphasis in systematics and ecology. She interned at the Kansas City Zoological Gardens with Drs. Dean Stetler and Ray Pierotti (Comanche) studying African elephant behavior. She was a member of Nasa (Native American Student Association) on campus where she assisted in the club's annual pow-wow held in April at the university. She has been honored with an employment position as environment specialist with the Prairie Band Potawatomi. Her primary responsibility will be wetland and wildlife conservation on the reservation located at Mayetta, Kansas. Vicki is the daughter of Patricia Jean Prestidge, granddaughter of Thelma Jean (Wano) Bateman; and great-granddaughter of Eugene Wano.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation will evaluate any offer from its members who wish to bring a business opportunity to the Tribe which can benefit from Minority Status under Section 8(a) of the Small Business Administration. The conditions under which the business would operate must be:

1. The business must be owned 100% by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.
 2. All activities including staffing, marketing, equipment, work space will be provided by the member with the proposal.
 3. Adequate working capital must be provided by the member with the proposal.
 4. All proceeds of sales will go into a "lock box" distribution account at First National Bank, Shawnee, Oklahoma, with payments made from this account to pay (1) all suppliers and accounts payable, (2) a Citizen Potawatomi Nation percentage of the gross margin, and then (3) the balance is paid to the tribal member.
 5. The business must be of a type that is complimentary to the public image of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.
- Please submit all offers which conform to the above standards to John "Rocky" Barrett, Citizen Potawatomi Nation. This offer is made to Citizen Potawatomi Nation members only.

Tribal Court: ten years of dispensing justice

By GWEN E. KING

Legal matters resolved by Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal court include civil lawsuits, misdemeanor cases, divorces and child custody battles.

The tribal court system was established in 1986 when the Business Committee contracted court funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Previous to contracting the funds, most legal matters were settled using the Court of Federal Regulations established by the federal government in the 1800s. Under tribal jurisdiction, issues are decided using regulations established by the Business Committee when the foundation for a tribal court system was constituted.

"We have our own set of laws which are separate and different than state laws," court clerk Joie White said. "I think whoever drafted them took some federal laws and some state laws and combined them. Over the years we've amended them to meet our needs."

General boundaries of jurisdiction for cases settled in Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal court are the south side of the North Canadian River, north side of the South Canadian River, the Seminole County line and the Indian Meridian in Cleveland County. However, any tribal member is subject to prosecution or defense by the tribe's court system, and only Native Americans fall under its jurisdiction.

"If an Indian commits a crime at the tribal store, he is brought to us for prosecution but if a white man is arrested at the tribal store, he falls under the jurisdiction of Pottawatomie County," White said. "We accept all complaints but the judge makes the final determination if a case falls within the jurisdiction of this court."

The only cases tribal judges don't hear are those connected with a felony, White said. Felony charges fall under jurisdiction of the BIA and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The tribal court system is comprised of seven Supreme Court justices, three district court



Joie White looks over the library of law books in her office

judges, a prosecutor, a defense attorney and a court clerk. Supreme court justices are Chief Justice G. William Rice, F. Browning Pipestem, Rex Thompson, Truman Carter, Almon Henson and Lawrence Wahpepah. The Supreme Court currently has one vacancy.

District court judges include Chief Judge Phil Lujan, Stephen Lamirand and Gregory Bigler. Prosecuting attorney is David McCullough and defense attorney is Henry Ware.

"David's job comes into play when an Indian man is arrested. He represents the tribe," White

said. "Henry acts as our public defender and he will speak up for and represent those accused of a crime. He also stands up for parents whose rights may be terminated in a juvenile matter."

While the tribe doesn't provide free legal advice or assistance to its members, it does provide judicial discretion which considers the culture and traditions of tribal members.

"The formation of a tribal court is an assertion of our sovereignty," White said. "It declares we're an independent government body separate from state governments."

Longtime tribal employee enjoys crafts in spare time

When away from her desk, Joie White likes to make wreaths, sew counted cross stitch designs and create dolls from twist paper. To relax, she reads romance novels.

Joie and husband Robert make their home in the country with 12-year-old daughter Tara and a poodle named Paisley. The house she and

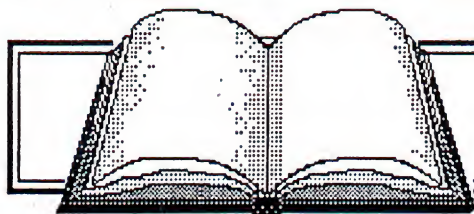
Robert have been building since 1983 is almost complete, and Joie hopes it will be finished by Christmas.

"My husband says we'll have it done by Christmas but he doesn't say which Christmas," Joie quipped.

One of the "old hands" at tribal headquarters,

Joie is in her 14th year as a tribal employee and has held a variety of positions through the years.

Besides completing construction on the house, Joie is looking forward to the arrival of her third child. Her doctor has predicted the baby will arrive in February and Joie says she'll "be happy with whatever the baby is."



For the record...

Business Committee Meeting June 12, 1996

Chairman Barrett called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman John A. Barrett Jr., Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Secretary/Treasurer Gene Bruno, Committeeman Hilton Melot, Committeeman Jerry Motley, Tribal Rolls Director Mary Farrell, Employment and Training Director Gary Bibb, EDP Director Buck Wynne, Tribal Administrator J.D. Colbert, Deputy Administrator Bob Trousdale, Administrative Secretary Karen Hopkins, Personnel Director Donna Loudermilk and Kit Colbert.

EDP Director Buck Wynne and Kit Colbert gave a presentation on the Web Page. It was the decision of the Business Committee to get a hard copy of the web page so that each one can make individual contributions to notes that can later be incorporated on the web page.

Jerry Motley moved to approve with

corrections the minutes of February 28, 1996 Business Committee meeting; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Business Committee recessed at 7 p.m.

Business Committee reconvened at 7:05 p.m.

Business Committee moved to approve Resolution #96-75 approving a lease on tribal land located in the N/2 SW/4 Section 9-6N-5EIM, Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma containing 80.00 acres for a period of one year. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Linda Capps moved to approve Resolution #96-76 pursuant to Public Law 102-477 Consolidation of Employment, Training and Education Services; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Linda Capps moved to approve Resolution #96-77 changing the quarterly Business Committee meeting from Thursday, May 30, 1996 to Wednesday, June 12, 1996; seconded by Jerry Motley. This resolution

was approved on May 29, 1996 and signed on June 12, 1996; passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Linda Capps moved to approve Resolution #96-78 enrolling 22 tribal members eligible under previous guidelines; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Jerry Motley moved to approve Resolution #96-79 enrolling 24 descendency applicants; Gene Bruno seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #96-80 enrolling 25 descendency applicants; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

John Barrett moved to approve Resolution #96-81 enrolling 25 descendency applicants; Gene Bruno seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Jerry Motley moved to approve Resolution #96-82 enrolling 25 descendency applicants; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Linda Capps moved to approve Resolution #96-83 enrolling 25 descendency applicants; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

John Barrett moved to approve Resolution #96-84 enrolling 25 descendency applicants; Gene Bruno seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve resolution #96-85 enrolling 25 descendency; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Jerry Motley moved to approve Resolution #96-86 enrolling 8 descendency applicants; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Business Committee recessed at 9:20 p.m.

Business Committee reconvened at 9:25 p.m.

Business Committee went into Executive Session at 9:25 p.m.

Business Committee adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

A POTAWATOMI WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE TRIBE

The following persons were voted into enrollment with the Citizen Potawatomie Nation:

Gray, Caitlin M.
Gray, Kelly C.
Guess, John B.
Guss, David P.
Kaminski, Francoeur Joan M.
Parrish, Alfred K.
Rayburn, Parrish Lorrie A.
Soos, Blackwood Ramona G.
Tinney, Judith C.
York, Myers Ginger K.

The following people are eligible for enrollment by descendency with the Citizen Potawatomie Nation:

Almond, Christopher T.
Anderson, Amber M.
Atwater, Laura R.
Austin, Evan R.
Basappa, Ravi A.
Basham, Howes Mary R.
Bauer, Alex J.
Bazhaw, Melissa A.
Bennett, Valerie M.
Bertrand, Justin L. W.
Binney, Kathryn A.
Binney, Marie I.
Binney, Robert R.
Binney, Teresa R.
Bogges, Kayla A.
Bogle, Shane S.
Bradfield, Marlon D.
Bradley, Amy M.
Brown, Dakota L.
Broyles, Joseph D.

Bruce, Brittany R.
Bruce, Daniel J.
Bruce, Kenneth E.
Bruce, Michael D. A.
Bruce, Michael D. A. Jr.
Chapman, Shawna M. S.
Clark, Nickolas N.
Coon, Brandon W.
Corona, Ruth A. F.
Damato, Christopher O.
Dean-Belt, Kelly Rena H.
DelosSantos, Nikia M.
DelosSantos, Randi L.
Dowling, Ryan D.
Dowling, Thomas J.
Estep, Katie E.
Eudaily, James A.
Eyster, Madison K.
Ferrell, Dustin P.
Forthman, Candice S.
Frapp, Murry E.
Freeland, Abigail E.
Freeland, Augustine
French, Jacqueline A.
French, Joshua P.
Gilbert, Matthew C.
Gilbert, Taylor K.
Gilbert, Vanessa B.
Godfrey, Virginia A.
Graham, Belinda R.
Haas, Rebecca A.
Haas, Sherri R.
Henderson, Eric J.
Herman, Eli M.
Herman, Sarah E.
Holum, Adam O.

Holum, Jessica L.
Horbach, Teale A.
Horbach, Tess M.
Hughes, Annie G.
Johnson, Jeffrey D.
Johnson, Kelly S.
Johnson, Lisa L.
Johnson, Matthew D.
Keith, Joshua A.
Keith, Laura A.
Kenneth, Israel D.
Kimes, Amanda M.
Lindley, James A.
Lindley, Jonathan C.
Lovitt, Michaela N.
Lowe, Jimmie E.
Martin, Bryant W.
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McGee, Nicole D.
McGirt, Don
McKee, Devin R.
McKinney, Charles W. Jr.
McKinney, Nathan D.
Miller, Leginia M.
Moore, Bonn P.
Newell, Hunter L.
Oden, Audrey A.
Olson, Coltara M.
Olson, Jackie D.
Packer, Jason T.
Packer, Jeremy L.
Packer, Mariah K.
Packer, Shane A.
Parrish, Rebekah M.
Patin, Karla M.
Pitney, Ethan D.

Quinnett, Deanna M.
Quinnett, Joseph L.
Reed, Jacob L.
Reed, Lucas C.
Reish, Kasey A.
Renteria, Rhonda K. R.
Rhodd, Rebecca J.
Roberts, Anthony T.
Roberts, Stephen D.
Rojas, Jacquelyn M.
Rosewitz, Kathryn M.
Rowell, Traci M.
Rumsey, Allyson E.
Schroeder, Anna D.
Schwab, Harrison G.
Sharples, Melissa I.
Skinner, Sara M.
Smith, Nicole M.
Soos, Monica N.
Sullivan, Bethany N.
Thompson, Anderson Corrie E.
Thompson, Elise C.
Thompson, Michael S.
Tipton, Joshua B.
Tipton, Meghan N.
Upton, Austin L. W.
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TRIBAL TRACTS



Best Of Both Worlds

Brooke Bruno, daughter of Citizen Potawatomi Nation Secretary-Treasurer and Mrs. Gene Bruno, honored her heritage when she was married to Brook Muldrow a few months ago by having two ceremonies. Tribal Chairman John A. "Rocky" Barrett led a traditional ceremony at the pow-wow grounds a few days before the June 1 wedding ceremony at First Presbyterian Church, Norman, conducted by the Rev. John E. Withers. In the photo above left, family members participate in the tribal ceremony held under the lodge poles. Pictured above right following that ceremony are Brook, Brooke, Chairman Barrett and the father of the bride. At right is the happy couple following the church ceremony.



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Close ties between Potawatomi, F

Later R. W. Dike bought the acreage in the valley south of us and built a large house and barn. My grandmother, Effie Coder, one of his children, inherited forty acres of land between the places pointed out that now belong to two of the writer's cousins. The writer's father, Ralph Albert Coder, was raised on this place which is now a part of the Peddicord holdings. Effie Dike Coder, because she was 1/8 Potawatomi, also received an allotment of land (80 acres) in Pottawatomie County Oklahoma, near Shawnee, southeast of Oklahoma City, which her descendents continue to own today.

Two and one-half miles west of Lost Creek Road there is a stop sign for the Onaga Road. South of here to the next corner and west a half mile on the Vermillion River is the "home place" for the Coders. William Jefferson Coder farmed and raised his family here. One of his sons, Andrew Albert, married Effie Mae Dike. They were the writer's grandparents.

About one mile west of Onaga Road on Oregon Trail is the Louis Vieux (pronounced "View") cemetery. We will stop here. Louis Vieux was of French and Potawatomi Indian ancestry. Probably born near Lake Michigan, Louis Vieux with a portion of the Potawatomis moved to Iowa, then to Indianola, and finally to this place in 1847 or 1848. He often helped negotiate with the government in behalf of the Indians. His is the very first name listed on the 1863 Potawatomi Roll which contained 1,552 names. At that time he was age 55. In 1861, Vieux signed the treaty which allowed Potawatomi to hold lands in common or establish individual claims of 80 acres or more per person.

Vieux built a bridge across the Vermillion here and charged the emigrants on the Oregon Trail to cross it. It is said that some days he took in as much as \$300. He must have done some thinking when he settled here and built his bridge. Just south of here Rock Creek runs into the Vermillion. If the crossing had been below here, the emigrants would have had to cross both Rock Creek and the Vermillion. We will stop here so you can look at the tombstones. Notice the names and dates. Louis Vieux Jr. was thirteen or fourteen years older than the writer's grandmother. The writer remembers as a small boy coming with her to visit Vieuxs

here. It must have been Louis Vieux Jr. Of course, at that time the writer had no idea there was any historical significance of the place.

Just a short distance west of the Louis Vieux cemetery is cholera cemetery, the place of burial for a number of emigrants who died of cholera on the Oregon Trail. Most of the many deaths that occurred on the Oregon Trail, and there were thousands of them, were caused by sickness (often cholera) and accidents. Often the dead were buried in the ruts on the Trail so that as the wagons rolled over them the ground was packed. This was so the coyotes and other varmints would not dig up the bodies. These folk, however, were buried here in graves probably because there was much activity here and predators would not come around.

Just west of the cholera cemetery and across the road is the largest American elm tree in Kansas. At different times it has been registered as the largest American Elm in the United States. You will want to get out of the car to appreciate the size of it. Through the years this tree has been damaged by wind and lightning. It is maintained by specialists from Kansas State University in Manhattan.

Going on west a little ways the road curves to the south a short distance then goes west again. We are heading for Louisville, named for Louis Vieux. We come to a stop sign at Louis Vieux Road. As you continue on west up the rise, to the south (left) you can see the city of Wamego's water tower. There are people by the name of Wamego or Wa-me-go on the 1863 Potawatomi Indian Roll. Perhaps Wamego is named for them, but no one in Wamego ever said this to my knowledge.

A personal note is interjected here about the Wamegos. Several years ago, the writer's wife Dorothy and he held an Indian naming ceremony at their home in Elmont for their three children. For the ceremony Mary Wamego designed and made Potawatomi "string" shirts for both parents and sons Timothy and Terry, and a shawl for daughter Tammy. With thirty or forty relatives and friends in attendance, Floyd Wamego built a traditional Potawatomi fire and cooked food appropriate to the occasion on it. Floyd and Mary Wamego were Potawatomi who lived on the Kickapoo Reservation west of Horton, Kansas. The actual naming ceremony was

POTAWATOMI

A SUNDAY AFTERNOON ON THE OREGON TRAIL

*This is the conclusion of
an automobile tour written
by Jim Coder. The first part
appeared in the
August 1996 edition*

conducted by Hollis Thomas, a Kickapoo "wise-man."

Now, back to our travel on the Trail. At about one and half miles west of Louis Vieux Road, Oregon Trail Road curves south briefly then west again to enter Louisville. Just into the town on your left you will notice the Louisville United Methodist Church. We continue on to the west side of the town to a stop sign for Highway #99. Turn north (right) on #99 and we are headed for Scott Spring just south of Westmoreland. Check your odometer because 9.7 miles from where you enter Highway #99 you will be able to see Oregon Trail ruts well preserved through the years on the prairie.

As we drive north and gradually climb out of the Kansas River valley, we begin to see how the country seems to open up. As we drive through the grassland, much of it native prairie, let me continue telling about the Potawatomis.

During the late 1740s Potawatomis from Saint Joseph established a new village on the Chicago River. By 1768, Potawatomis were settled in the Kankakee valley in Illinois and in 1794, the Detroit tribesmen had erected new towns near modern day Ann Arbor, Michigan. By 1795 (the end of the American Revolution), Potawatomis were spread from Ann Arbor, Michigan to the central Illinois valley ... from Lake Michigan to the Wabash. The point of telling this is that they had vast land holdings which were very desirable for the pioneers who continually moved west to establish farms.

While they were warriors when neces-

French influenced business efforts

SCRAPBOOK

ERNOON RIDE GON TRAIL

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sary, the Potawatomi in general were an amiable group. They early formed close friendship with the French with whom they carried on extensive trade. There were numerous marriages between the French and Potawatomis. The Potawatomi fought with the French against other Indians and the British. They often were the negotiators with other tribes in dealings with the French since so many Potawatomis had some French blood. Later, they traded with the British as they gained dominance over the French in America. But, it was never as close a relationship as with the French.

Later still, however, they fought with the British against the American colonists. Waubensee (He Causes Paleness), a Potawatomi Indian after whom Wabaunsee County is named, led an attack on William Henry Harrison's supply vessels as they ascended the Wabash before the Battle of Tippecanoe. Some Potawatomis joined the great Shawnee, Tecumseh, and the Prophet in their efforts to unite the Indians against the American whites. But it was a losing battle. American troops soon occupied the Potawatomi heartland with the establishment of Fort Dearborn at the mouth of the Chicago River.

By the 1820s the Potawatomis had accepted many of the physical trappings of white culture. Deerskin hunting shirts and dresses had been discarded for garments of brightly colored calico or flannel and although some men still wore buckskin leggings, many others preferred cloth trousers similar to their white

neighbors. Both sexes continued to wear moccasins, but their winter dress included a trade blanket instead of a buffalo robe or a bearskin. Potawatomi men no longer shaved their heads in the traditional manner of warriors, choosing instead to wrap their hair in a cloth turban modeled after those of the Shawnees. The Potawatomi were almost wholly dependent upon the traders for the many necessities of life and purchased much the same hardware and dry goods as did white settlers.

Many of the more affluent Indians, especially the mixed bloods, constructed log cabins, although the majority of the tribe continued to live in the more traditional dome-shaped wigwams.

The Potawatomi first ceded a small portion of their land to the United States government in the Detroit Treaty of 1807. In 1816 in St. Louis, the Potawatomi ceded more of their homeland to the United States government. One year later, the tribe ceded additional lands in the Wabash valley. In August, 1821, at Chicago, the Potawatomi ceded to the U.S. all their lands in southwestern Michigan east of the St. Joseph River and north to the Grand River. They also relinquished their claim to lands in northern Indiana from South Bend to the Ohio line. Finally, at Chicago in 1833, they relinquished all their land east of the Mississippi. Plans for the removal of the Potawatomi were begun.

The extensive trade with the French and later the British was a lucrative activity for the Potawatomi at first. But in the process, they adopted the white man's dress for the most part and the white traders lifestyle. They became dependent on the white man, often no longer planting their corn. As the hunting areas were occupied by settlers, this means of livelihood also vanished. Altogether, the whiskey given freely to them at each opportunity by traders and government representatives, the loss of their means of livelihood, and intratribal squabbles resulting from signing agreements giving each others land away without the knowledge of those to whom it actually belonged, took a heavy toll on the Potawatomis. By the time these people were removed to Iowa, Missouri, and Kansas, they were a skeleton of the proud people they once had been.

Sub-agencies were established at Council Bluffs in Iowa and on the Osage River in Kansas. These were abolished in 1846, and one year later the Potawatomi were consolidated on a new reservation on both sides of the Kansas River in an area roughly from Topeka to St. Marys. By 1851 nearly all the Potawatomis had been removed to Kansas to the new reservation. However, small clusters of Potawatomi never left the areas of Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois and their descendants remain in these areas today.

In 1861, the Wabash Potawatomis or "Mission Band" demanded that the reservation be divided and that their share of the lands be distributed to individuals who would be granted U.S. citizenship. Much of this land later fell into white person's hands. In 1867, the "citizen" Potawatomis accepted a new reservation in Oklahoma. The former Mission band, now known as the "Citizen Band," (until the recent name change to Citizen Potawatomi Nation) today have a small reservation near Shawnee, Oklahoma. They do not reside on their reservation, however; it is used as a complex for tribal headquarters and various services and business enterprises.

Tribal members live on individually owned property in the area as well as throughout the United States. The Kansas Potawatomis or "Prairie Band" occupy a small reservation near Mayetta, Kansas. But many white people also live on the reservation, having purchased the land through the years. Meanwhile, back on the Trail ...

Check your odometer because 9.7 miles from where you entered Highway #99, Oregon Trail ruts can be seen on the west (left) side of the highway. Beyond that .2 of a mile, ruts can be seen on the east side of the highway. There are signs identifying the ruts. Be careful if you cross the highway to see the ruts. Hartwich Road is .2 of a mile farther. The Oregon Trail crossing is marked just east of Highway #99 on Hartwich Road and ruts can be viewed from here. At this point, the Oregon Trail and Highway #99 almost completely coincide.

Scott Spring is north of Hartwich Road .7 of a mile on the east side of Highway #99. This was a stopping place on the

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Louis Vieux part of Oregon Trail history

Oregon Trail. It is said that on some days the wagons and livestock of the emigrants covered the entire townsite of Westmoreland which you can see from the Spring. As many as seven thousand travelers of the Trail passed through this camp on a single day. Scott Spring provided an abundance of clear, refreshing spring water for the emigrants and their livestock.

Scott Spring is located on the Adam Scott farm which later Erwin Scott owned. The land is now owned by the three children of Erwin Scott — Marian Bradley, Loren Scott and Clara Gayle Striffler. They have leased to Pottawatomie County at no charge a proposed piece of the original campsite for a small park.

An interpretive park is being built here. It was scheduled to be completed by now, but due to all of the wet weather work has not been accomplished as planned. (The park was eventually completed in the fall of 1993.)

Ernest White, a welder who lives between Louisville and Westmoreland, completed a metal covered wagon two years ago. He has one ox completed with another one expected to be completed late this month.

These will be placed in the park. (They may now be seen there.) The Pottawatomie County Historical Preservation Committee has set the date of August 27 for the dedication of the Oregon Trail Park. If you would like to, you may go on north to Westmoreland and see the covered wagon. Turn west (left) at the first city street you come to as you enter Westmoreland and continue west to an old church which has been converted to a museum. The covered wagon is in a metal building there.

On August 26, Harold Lamberson, wagon master, and Ken Martin will be arriving with covered wagons and travelers by horseback for an overnight at the Scott Spring Oregon Trail campsite, departing after the dedication of the park

for a four-day trip to Hollenberg Ranch on the Trail near Hanover. The public is invited to the dedication and to visit the wagon train. Anyone wishing to travel one to four days with the group should contact Ken Martin (913) 562-3615.

Also, back to the south by the roadside park you may drive to the Scott place on the west side of Highway #99. Along the north side of the drive near the house is a plow which Adam Scott had made in Scotland and shipped here. It is especially designed to break the Kansas sod. Clara Gayle Striffler invited you through me to come see it.

The spring itself is now carried into the concrete holding tank which you see in the park. There were other springs in the area, some on the west side of the highway south of Rock Creek.

added here is that William Jefferson Coder, the writer's great-grandfather who settled on the Vermillion River south of Louis Vieux's bridge, along with his eleven brothers, came into Kansas via the ferry at White Cloud.

But the point here is that there wasn't just one Oregon Trail from start to finish and the trail wasn't a narrow one. As ruts or mud got too deep, or the dust got too heavy, the trail moved out to the sides, sometimes being a mile wide. As ferry landings got too congested, new ferries were made. The trail we have followed today, though, is close to being the original one.

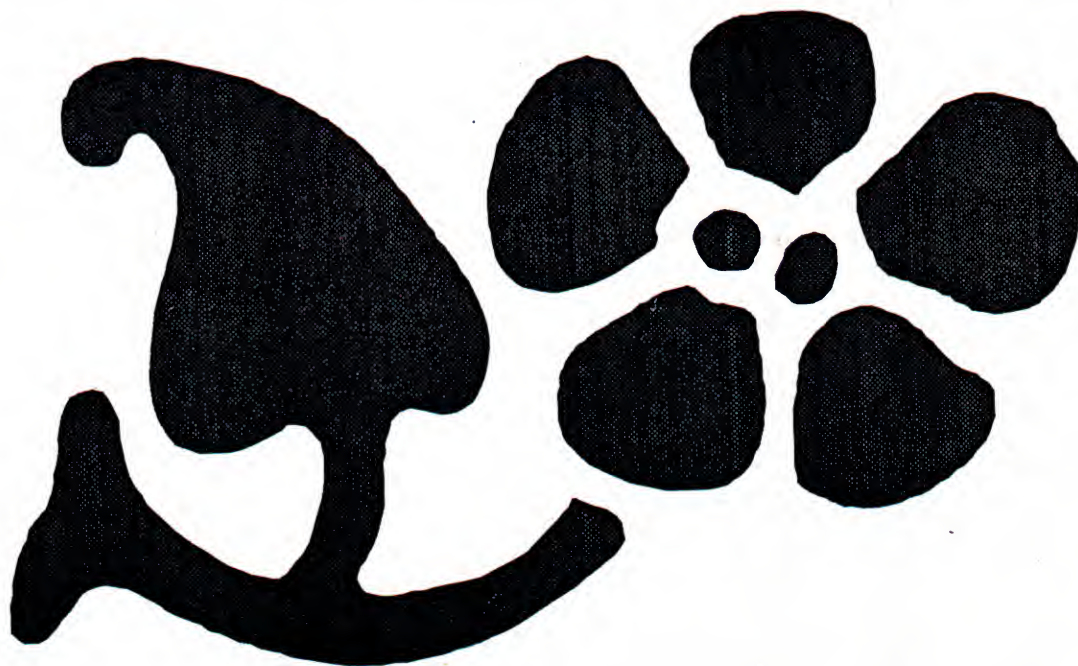
We will now head south on #99 to Wamego. In Wamego after you cross Highway #24, #99 highway becomes Lincoln Street. We are going to the

Wamego City Park so if you want to have a picnic and didn't come prepared, you may want to stop at McDonalds on highway #24 or the Cream Cup just east of it, or the Sonic just south of it to pick up something to eat and drink at the park.

On Lincoln, drive south to Fourth Street. On the northeast corner of the intersection of

Sixth and Lincoln is the Wamego United Methodist Church. Continue on Lincoln to Fourth Street, then turn east (left) and drive until you can turn into the entrance to the park that leads to the Old Dutch Mill. Here you can see wheat ground into flour the old fashioned way. Just behind the mill is the Historical Society Museum you may want to visit. You are encouraged to take time to enjoy this beautiful little park before you head back to Topeka. You may take either Highway #24 east to Topeka or go south out of Wamego on #99 to the junction with I-70 and take it on home. Drive safely.

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REGIONAL REPORTS

Washington State

SUSAN CAMPBELL**Bozho, Nikan!**

This summer has certainly passed quickly. Seattle was beautiful this year with an abundance of warm sunny days and quiet cool evenings. One of our more spectacular summers!

The August picnic in Boise was great fun, despite a hot 104 degree day. Shayshoshewa requested that we focus on Potawatomi history so that after the potluck (Potawatomi are fantastic cooks!) we shared family stories and plugged into a video on Potawatomi history and the Trail of Death. A short discussion followed, after which we viewed the introduction to the language classes held in Shawnee, primarily Walter Cooper's explanation of the importance of regaining our language.

Croquet was set up and there were several takers, but the day called for quiet visits while watching the river flow beside us (the breeze kept it from feeling too hot). I enjoyed meeting everyone who came and hope we can do this again next year. Eric and I spent a night up in the Idaho hills with Shayshoshewa and her husband Chi-I-Shenon in their log lodge. Eric wasn't sure about that banty rooster but I loved their large white part-wolf dog! Thank you for having us. And thank you for hosting our picnic this year.

Hannahville. I honestly don't know how to write about it. It was one of the more outstanding experiences of my life, to sit and hear prayers in Potawatomi, announcements in Potawatomi, to see the people (Betsy, the 4-year old jingle dancer who had been dancing "for 10 years"! I was asked to help judge the contest choosing next year's Potawatomi Princess and it was a hard decision; there were 17 very good competitors. I also sat in on a language forum and a NAGPRA meeting. But mostly I visited and enjoyed.

There were new friends to meet and old friends to catch up with. It was good to finally meet the Brunos and Flynnns from Oklahoma, to have time to visit with Janet Wright and her husband from Washington, D.C., to tease Leo Nadeau and chat

with his wife Ida, to spend time with Sheryl Barrett and Bev Bibb while observing Rocky and Gary enjoying the specialness of that place. And to visit the reservation, the dance circle, the fields of wildflowers where we gathered sweetgrass. So many good memories. I'm grateful to the Creator that I had the opportunity to attend.

If you homeschool your children and are looking for new ideas for teaching them, "The Drinking Gourd" may be just the catalog you are looking for! Books, tapes, materials for math labs or science labs — all and more are in their latest issue. Write to them at P.O. Box 2557, Redmond, WA 98073 and ask for their latest catalog.

Karleena Greetham has contacted me regarding having a children's program during next regional meeting, scheduled for April 19, 1997. We are looking for ideas so if you have some to share, please call me so I can pass them on to Karleena. We have a bit of time to work on this but as you know months too quickly become mere days, so we need to get going now. We'd like Potawatomi-related craft ideas, games — whatever we can all come up with. At this point we do know there will be a program. We have some ideas but need more. You will receive a schedule for the children's program with your regional flyer.

I am scheduled to meet with our linguist from Hannahville and with Bill Moore, the Prairie Band Elder who has expressed interest in teaching our language classes, in early October.

Norman has worked with Laura in laying down the groundwork and I had an opportunity to meet her in Hannahville (I found myself unknowingly sitting beside her!). After our meeting I should have a pretty good idea of when and how the language classes will be offered. I'll keep you informed,

In this month of turning leaves and preparing for winter, I wish you peace.

Susan Campbell

Oregon/Idaho

ROSCOE 'ROCKY' BAPTISTE

Despite all the fires here in the Northwest, we are still having our pow-wows. I attended the Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde Pow-Wow. Three days we camped, danced, and listened to drumming and singing. Some nights those drums went on into the night until about three in the morning. Puts you right to sleep!

I was honored to be able to participate in Grand Entry all three days. Some of our Potawatomi members were there also. We camped next to Dave and Terri West of Grants Pass, and the drum group "Soaring Hawk." Regena Story of McMinnville and her grandson Johnny came and camped with us. George Gregg from Amity and his wife and son stopped by to day hello and visit a little while on Saturday afternoon. His new son, Jesse, is really growing fast.

I will be traveling south to Grants Pass for the pow-wow there September 14-15. I hope to see some more of our members camping. Maybe I will stop and fish a couple of days on the way there. That is if the camp grounds are clear. The Bend area has been hit real hard by wildfires. Nineteen homes and some trailer houses burned by fires, so far. Several homes in the Warm Springs reservation lost to a fire there. I feel so bad for the Indian brothers there, but I know that everyone will be there to help them.

Last summer while I was in Shawnee at the Pow-Wow, I met a cousin for the first time. She is Elvina Gayer. She is 81 years young, and said she was a twin to Elvira. Her father was George Bostic, son of David Bostic and Mary Hardin. I know a lot of you are related to Mary Hardin Bostic.

Elvina told me a story about her father, George. Seems when George was young, he rode the fence line for a cattleman rancher. They noticed a calf would disappear once in a while, but they didn't think too much about it, as they knew the Indians about were hungry and they needed the food. One time a friend of George was caught stealing one of the cows and he was put in jail.

George got one of his friends to help him and they rode to town and with their lariets, fastened them around the bars and busted their friend out of jail. Just like in the movies. Only after several years and George had passed away did his grandchildren find out George had a bullet in his leg. I think we can all guess how it got there. So all you decedents of George Bostic now know a little more about your heritage.

Until next month and until I see you again, Pa Ma Pi (see you later). That is pronounced like in English (Paw-mop-pea).

*Megwich,**Rocky Baptiste*

REGIONAL REPORTS

North Texas

MARJORIE HOBODY

Our weather over Labor Day was wonderful. Can you believe 80 degrees in September in Texas? Children have gone back to school and college and it's safe to go shopping if I get back home before 3 p.m.

Amanda Ann Green called about enrolling her and her husband's new son, Cody Nathaniel Green. Great-grandmother Winzola Irene Green did her part encouraging Amanda to get Cody enrolled.

Congratulations to the new parents and extended family. After three conventions, you should be aware that November 5 is general election day. It is an important election in which we will be selecting our president and congressman for the next four years. Hope you are all registered to vote and take the time to do so. Become informed about the issues. Remember your vote is important and does count.

November is Native American Heritage Month. The 7th Annual American Indian Art Festival & Market will be held October 26th and 27th in Artist's Square in downtown Dallas. It has been a really nice event in past years with Native American artists, good food and dancers. Other events throughout November will be listed in magazines and newspapers.

Our Regional Meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, November 9th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please mark this date on your calendar. I would include more information about location, but I don't have one as I am writing this. One of my prospective caterers called at 12:30 a.m. Claimed it was a mistake, that he meant to call his office. Now, wonder who he expected to be in the office at 12:30 a.m. They do work strange hours.

I will have a location, etc. pinned down before the end of September and you should have your invitation by now or it will be arriving soon. This is an unusual time of year, but I thought it was a good idea, as many of you were unable to go to the meeting in Austin. So it has been over a year since the Business Committee and I have had a chance to meet with you. Come and be a part of your Regional Meeting.

My area code has changed from 214 to 972 as of Sept. 14. The 800-742-3075 has not changed, but the local number is now 972-790-3075. You will need to dial the 972, but it is not necessary to dial a 1 or a 0 for calls within the local area and calls that now are billed as local calls will remain so. Calling another number within the 972 area code will only require the seven digits.

Marj Hobdy

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Colorado

PENNY BISHOP

"Bo-sho Nit-ka-ko and Nto-we-ma,"

It's that time of the year again. "Mdaamin-giizis" September, month of the corn moon.

This September is filled with great anticipation for me and my family.

I am anxiously waiting for my daughter Lorrie to give birth to my fourth grandchild (her third child), due September 24.

And, I am preparing for the 11th annual Denver Regional Council meeting October 19, at the Holiday Inn-Lakewood. The invitations are sent; planning is in the process. The states that I represent are Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, western Nebraska, western Kansas. I hope to see someone from each state. I think everyone who comes will enjoy themselves.

PLEASE, make your arrangements to come. If you should plan on staying on the Holiday Inn-Lakewood, mention that you are attending the regional, and they will give you a special room rate. (Give me a call for more information.)

I am looking forward to seeing YOU on October 19.

Until next time,

Penny Bishop

South Texas

LU ELLIS

Bourzho from Southeast Texas:

During these late summer weeks, we find ourselves hearing and seeing, even when we wish not to, all the hoopla from the politicians vying for position and power in this country. If they were not so vicious toward one another, and saying what they think we want to hear, instead of the truth about the problems we face and what the solutions might be, they would be pretty good entertainment. Not as good as the Marx brothers, but getting close.

I urge you to listen, even if you, too, find it difficult. We MUST KNOW who is and who is not a friend to Indian people, who has the real interest in our children and our Elders, and we MUST VOTE accordingly. The future of our Nations and our families is at stake.

As I work at becoming Potawatomi I occasionally encounter a stumbling stone of some magnitude. I have either to climb over, go around or try to move such out of the way. ... It is not the Neshnabe way to gossip. We Potawatomis would do better to uplift and encourage one another. It is the Indian way in every tribe to be a helper, a brother and an asset to the people ...

John put a for sale sign on our rain gage, and said he would consider any reasonable offer. So here comes "Dolly" and we have rain. We should have done that months ago!

We have a new puppy at our house. He has good manners, but he is anxious about being without his brothers and sisters. This morning about four, he woke up and decided to sleep with us or cry the rest of the morning. We decided he could sleep with us after listening to him cry for a little while. He thought on my face would be a good place to sleep.

Now that I've told you that, I want to share with you a little bit of wisdom from a Potawatomi Elder I talked to this morning. She said, "When you go to bed tonight, be sure to chew a piece of gum, and keep it in your mouth when you go to sleep, and be sure not to swallow it. Then, if the puppy sleeps on your face tonight, all that puppy hair will stick in the gum, and you can just spit it out in the morning."

Is that good advice, or what? Did you detect another message in there?

In last month's HowNiKan you read that I gave Frank Bush an Eagle feather fan. You also read that I made that fan. Not so. I took the Eagle wings and the mule deer antlers to our dear friend John Croce, and he assembled my fan and the one we presented to Mr. Bush. John does beautiful work, he deserves the credit for it. Ni Chi Wamo.

We are having house guests for some of the month of September, and I am painting for a new show, so if I don't catch the phone when you call, be sure to leave a message. I will get back to you at "break time," I promise.

Be good to each other.

Pa Ma Me Na,

Lu Ellis

Southwest

PHILONISE WILLIAMS

Bourzo Nikon,

Either the year is flying faster than usual, or I am living in the fast lane. Seems it was just June and pow-wow, and here it is September. The kids are back in school and the holidays are creeping up the road; how the time does fly.

Hope you and yours had a great summer. After the Fourth of July, we just sorta laid back and tried to keep cool. Fortunately we were not bothered by the monsoon; however we did get the high winds, loss of electricity and lots of thunder and lightning accompanied by the never ending heat, heat, heat ... but what do you expect when you live in the desert?

When we lost power it was sort of fun. We sang songs by flashlight, and I read Huck Finn to my grandson Kyle, while the rest of the family talked or snoozed. Power was restored five hours later but it was fun to be able to do something other than sitting in front of the television.

I received an invitation to the pow-wow on the Barona Reservation in San Diego. It was a smaller gathering than ours but it was just as exciting. Southern Drum was the host drum and the vendors had many new and beautiful things to display. It seemed a good time was had by all who attended.

My phone does not ring and I can only assume that everyone is taken care of and needs no assistance. We are not having a picnic this year due to lack of interest; however, we will be having our regional meeting which will be around the first of the year. I hope we will have a good turnout for that.

Well, enough said. Try to remember that no person is complete. Each of us changes with every passing day, so the work of becoming a whole person never ends.

Megwetch,

Philonise Williams

MORE REGIONAL REPORTS

Northern California

JENNIFER PORTER

Bourzho, Niconi!

Auburn is a great place for a picnic. It was pretty warm, but we had shade and a breeze. There was plenty of good food for the 75 or so who showed up. We visited, we ate and then there was a horseshoe tournament, a loom beading table, and a basket making table, and the kids had a scavenger hunt. We awarded a gold horseshoe (1st place) to Thom Finks of Auburn, a silver to Michael Sweeny of Nevada City, and a bronze to Leonard Walter of Fair Oaks.

There is something special that happens when you're working in a small group situation. The loom beading table led by my sister Melody and my daughter Duette went well and created for some a new interest/hobby. My mother JoEtta and I started the pine basket lesson and learned even more from Sandie Linville who teaches crafts. Throughout this time was much chatter and laughter ... sharing. We will do this again.

The scavenger hunt was a great success. Led by Alex Finks, it was great fun for the kids. They were very creative in their interpretations of the list, too. Besides the easy nature items (dandelion, acorn, pine cone, etc.), there was something that sparkles or shines (a piece of glass), and something that smells funny (stinky flower, bird poop).

Everyone had a good time and many asked that we do it again next summer. Please give me some feedback on this, even if you weren't able to make it this time. Migwetch to all who helped!

There are still pow wows going on in the area. I encourage everyone to get to one and be in the circle. It's an important way for us to connect with our culture and ourselves.

Remember to send (or call) me with address changes. I'd love to cut down on the number of "Forwarding Order Expired" envelopes before our next regional meeting.

Pa ma me ma,

Jennifer J. Porter

TRIBAL TRACTS

Citizen Potawatomi Nation, First National Bank announce approval of small business loan program

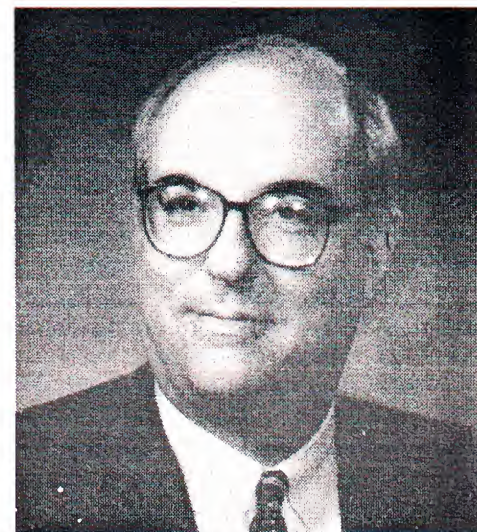
First National Bank & Trust recently received approval from banking regulators to offer Small Business Administration "LowDoc" small business loans to Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal members anywhere in the United States.

The LowDoc program stands for low documentation and requires a one-page loan application which will be submitted directly to First National Bank in Shawnee, Oklahoma. The application forms will be made available through the regional council offices and directly from tribal headquarters as well as from First National.

"Approval of small business loan capabilities by First National Bank to our members anywhere in the United States was one of the original objects of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in the purchase of First National Bank," said Chairman John "Rocky" Barrett. "The extension of services by the tribe to all its members, not just those in the immediate Shawnee, Oklahoma, area, is the primary objective of tribal government."

"We eagerly anticipate augmenting existing checking and savings account services to tribal members with this important new service," said First National Bank president Larry Briggs. "The 'LowDoc' loan program should also help First National set a new record in earnings after this year's record-setting pace."

The tribe anticipates profits from First National Bank will exceed \$500,000 for FY1996.



Larry Briggs

Citizen Potawatomi Nation Princess Pageant 1996-7

APPLICATION

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WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO ENTER THE CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION PRINCESS CONTEST: _____

A PHOTOGRAPH OF CONTESTANT IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION. PHOTO WILL BE RETURNED UPON REQUEST.

GRADE IN SCHOOL: _____ COLLEGE: _____

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS: _____
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RETURN TO ESTHER LOWDEN AT TRIBAL HEADQUARTERS

Deadline Oct. 25 for contestants in princess pageant

There is still time for young Potawatomi women ages 14-21 to enter the competition for the title "Potawatomi Princess" in a pageant set for November.

Pow-wow coordinator Esther Lowden said the pageant, a system used by other tribes, will be held on the evening of Nov. 29, in the Long Room at tribal headquarters. The girl who is selected as the powwow princess will reign during 1997, with a successor chosen at a November 1997 pageant.

In addition to reigning at the Potawatomi Powwow, the princess will represent the tribe at other functions, such as Red Earth, as her schedule permits. Ginger Schmidtkofer, princess for the past few years, has presented a number of school programs as well as appearing at powwows throughout the area.

Lowden will begin a series of classes for younger Potawatomi girls — and their mothers — designed to get them more involved in tribal traditions. "We'll teach them how to dance, how to wear shawls, about colors and powwow protocol," Lowden said.

Young women interested in competing in the Princess Pageant must apply by Oct. 25 by filling out the form at left. For more information on the pageant or the classes, call Lowden at the tribal museum and gift shop.

TRIBAL TRACTS

Haskew chosed for sculpture of American war mother

(From the *Daily Reporter-Herald*, Loveland, Colorado, May 27, 1996) — The matronly woman clutches a folded flag to her breast. It's what the military gave her in exchange for her son's life.

The anonymous woman, to be sculpted in bronze, is an American war mother, just like many women — including some in Loveland — who today fly flags in remembrance of their deceased sons.

Plans are to install her life-size likeness in Lakeside Park as a memorial to women who lost children in combat.

"We're making her kind of classical so it doesn't date her at all," said Loveland sculptor Denny Haskew (a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation). "It kind of represents people from all ages."

The war mother sculpture is part of an ambitious project kicked off in earnest last week by the Dwayne Webster Veterans Park Committee. It includes a likeness of Webster, the first Lovelander killed in World War II, and monuments to those who died in the two world wars and the Korean and Vietnam wars.

The Loveland City Council last Tuesday gave permission for the committee to rename Lakeside Park after Webster and install the monuments. Fund-raising is the next step.

"From our knowledge so far, there aren't any major memorials to American War Mothers in the United States," said John Kinkade, director of the National Sculptors' Guild, which is headquartered in Loveland.

The guild will sell 150 18-inch versions of the war mother bronze to raise money for the \$150,000 project. The committee is seeking to generate between \$30,000 and



"He Who Fights With A Feather," A Recent Haskew Work

\$40,000 in contributions on its own.

"We recognized the fact that there was no veterans' memorial in the city," said

Bob Abrams, a committee member. He went to school with Webster's younger sister, Lucille.

Webster enlisted in the Navy at the age of 17 on Dec. 7, 1940. He died one year later when a Japanese bomb sank the USS Arizona early in the battle of Pearl Harbor.

Webster's remains and those of most of his shipmates are still in the Arizona. The site is marked by one of the nation's most somber memorials.

Local women named the Loveland chapter of the American War Mothers in Webster's honor when it was founded in 1943. Webster's mother Edna was an active member in the chapter, according to Betty Webster Allinger the slain sailor's sister.

Ballinger, 73, of Loveland, said her parents kept their pain inside. Webster was their only son.

"I really think they handled it pretty well, outwardly," Ballinger said. "Inwardly it had to take a toll, because being a mother I can think of nothing worse than losing a child and not really knowing why."

Haskew plans a trip to the Arizona monument before he undertakes sculpting an image of Webster and the battleship. The sculptor is a veteran himself, having been drafted in 1971 and spending two years in the Army as a drug counselor.

"Everyone who has seen the ship really talks about how moving it is," Haskew said. "I want to make sure I honor that man and those people that were on that ship."

Committee member Bill Schlingman said plans are to rename the park on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11. Installation of the artwork will depend on how quickly funds are raised.

Missouri joins other states in Trail of Death historic trail designation

Missouri has joined Indiana, Illinois and Kansas in declaring the Potawatomi Trail of Death a Regional Historic Trail. The bill was sponsored by state Representative Scott Lakin, Kansas City, Mo., and passed April 15.

The Trail of Death was the forced removal of the Potawatomi Indians from Northern Indiana to Eastern Kansas in the fall of 1838. It began when soldiers rounded up all the Indians within a 30 mile radius of Twin Lakes south of Plymouth, Indiana. The Indians were then marched at gun point single-file through Rochester, Indiana, Sept. 5, 1838.

They stayed on the north side of the Wabash River and crossed into Illinois Sept. 16. At Quincy they crossed the Mississippi River and entered Missouri October 8. They crossed the Blue River into Kansas November 2. Five Indians died while crossing Missouri on the Trail of Death — the diary records that three children died on the day they

crossed the Mississippi River. A woman died at Palmyra. A child died at Little Schuy Creek near Lexington.

This was a year of terrible drought. About 35 Indians died in Indiana and Illinois on the trek. In 1838 the government called it an emigration, but since about 1900 it has been called the Trail of Death. Several books about it have been published by the Indiana Historical Society, including the diary, Father Benjamin Petit's letters, and the George Winter book of paintings.

The trail is being marked by historical markers, placed by interested persons, historical societies, Boy and Girl Scouts, at no expense to the taxpayer. So far, markers are located at Palmyra, Paris, Keytesville, and Lexington. Eleven more are needed in Middle Chariton, Grand River west of Brunswick, Carrollton, Snowden's farm near Hardin, and three camps south of Lexington at Prairie Creek, Blue Ridge, and Blue River. The route roughly follows old Hwy. 24 from

Paris to Buckner.

The Trail of Death Regional Historic Trail is coordinated by the Indian Awareness Center of the Fulton County Historical Society, Rochester, Ind. The group organized commemorative caravans in 1988 and 1993 to retrace the original Trail of Death. Several Potawatomi who are descendants of the ones on the 1838 trek traveled with these commemorative caravans. Most of the descendants are Citizen Potawatomi today, with headquarters at Shawnee, Oklahoma. They live in several states, including, Missouri, Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, Arizona, Washington, California, Texas, Oklahoma, New York.

It is the goal to get a historical marker at each camp site, about every 15 to 20 miles. There are presently 11 Trail of Death historical markers in Indiana, 12 in Illinois, 4 in Missouri, and 7 in Kansas. About 22 more are needed to complete the marking of the Trail.

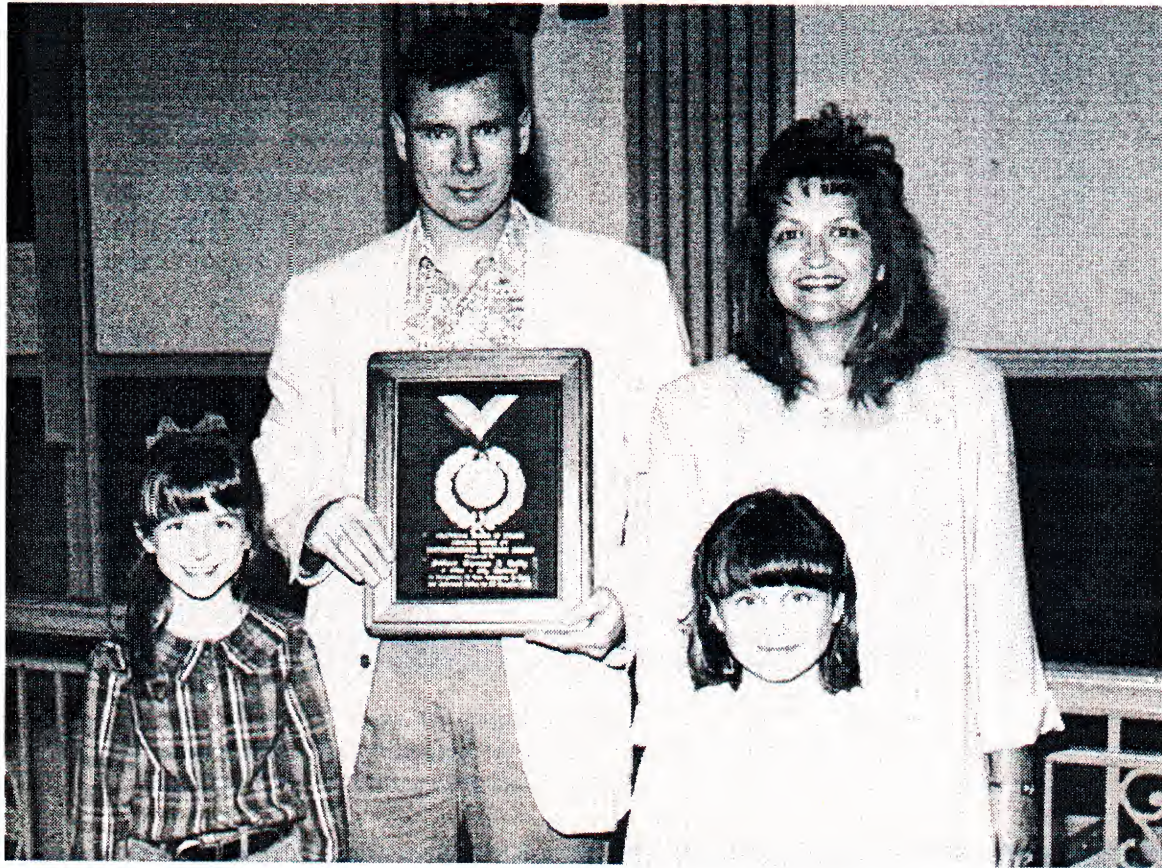
Anyone interested in sponsoring a Trail of Death historical marker should contact Shirley Willard, president, Fulton County Historical Society, 37 E. 375 N., Rochester, IN 46975.

Willard's partner in this effort since 1988 is Dr. George Godfrey, Lawrence, Kansas. He is a Citizen Potawatomi and teaches at Haskell Indian Nations University. Also assisting is Peggy Kinder, Gladstone, Mo., whose great-great-uncle Daniel Bourassa was on the Trail of Death in 1838.

The most recent dedication of Trail of Death historical markers was July 26 at Robert Hitt farm near Island Grove Cemetery and at New Salem Church (formerly Riddle Hill) west of Springfield, Ill., on the Old Jacksonville Road. The markers are sponsored by the Rainbow Dancers Pow-Wow. This will make 14 Trail of Death historical markers in Illinois.



IN YOUR OPINION...



Tribal member appreciates Vieux family information

To The Editor:

Thanks to Merton Whitlow for sharing his information on the Vieux family. It helped me and my sister in our search for the parents of our ancestor Anthony Tessier, Sr., who was the ancestor of all the Tesciers in our tribe.

We found that Francoise Viau who married Louis Tessier-Lavigne 26 November 1804 at St. Joachim de Chateauguay, Canada, was a sister of Jacques "Jean Beau" Vieaux. St-Joachim is also where our ancestors Francois Bourbonnais Sr. and Catherine "Cattice" Chevalier, ancestors of all the Bourbonnais in our tribe, were married on 10 October, 1814. Louis Tessier was the son of Jacques and Marguerite Suret. Marguerite Suret and Marie-Ozithe Hebert, mother of Francois Bourbonnais, Sr., were Acadians and had some of the same ancestors. There were other kinship ties also in Chateauguay.

We have not found any children of Louis Tessier and Francoise Viau, but we are hoping to find that Anthony, born about 1820, was one of them. Whether or not we are related, Merton Whitlow might be interested in the information I have on the Vieux family. I have Nicolas, not Jacques, as the father of Jacques "Jean Beau" and Francoise, Jacques is the grandfather, and there is also an uncle Jacques. "Jean Beau" was born 29 April 1770 in St-Laurent, Ile de Montreal. His mother, Francoise-Amable Lecuyer (L'Escuyer) was the daughter of Paul and Marie-Joseph Baudria. The ancestors of Francoise-Amable have been traced back to the 1400s, and include a Pelletier. The LeRoi line has been traced to about 1600 in many branches, and includes a Leclerc.

While the researcher did give the names of the children of "Jean Beau" and Angelique, and a couple of the spouses' names, he or she was evidently a Juneau descendant, and concentrated on the children of that family. The research seems to have been very carefully done, and I have been able to check out parts of it. I would like to see more genealogy information in the HowNiKan.

Charlie Lee Wright
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Officer honored for heroism

Dear Editor,

As a member of the Potawatomi Nation I thought I would write to request publication of the enclosed picture. Here is the story: I am a Chicago police officer. On routine patrol I observed a vehicle driven by a male black teen. In the rear seat of this vehicle sat another black male teen, with an older white lady. As I looked over at the vehicle I observed the car was stolen, by noticing

no key in the ignition.

After a long vehicle chase, the 2 black teens ran from the vehicle with the lady screaming hysterically. Come to find out these black teens were going to rob her and then rape her. After these 2 were apprehended they gave statements saying after they finished with this lady they were going to kill her dead.

The award given was presented by the Fraternal

Order of Police Lodge #7. It is the highest award the Police Department offers. This distinguished service award was given to me in a ceremony. In the picture are, left to right, my daughter Amanda, 9 years old; myself; my daughter Stephanie, 6 years old; and my loving wife Barbara Lally. Please consider for publication this photo. Of course edit the story as needed.

Thomas John Lally
Chicago, Illinois

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Visit to tribal complex pleasant

Dear Friends,

This is to express appreciation for our overnight stay at the Potawatomi Pow-Wow campgrounds June 7, 1996. We were on a trip in our mini-motor home with our daughter Tammy and her 18-month-old daughter Madelleine, returning from Oxford, Mississippi via Oklahoma to visit one of Tammy's friends who teaches at Oklahoma State University. It worked out that we were at Shawnee in the late afternoon and we decided to inquire about parking our motor home at the pow-wow grounds.

We were pleased to be received so cordially by the ladies in the Potawatomi office and to have our request granted. We were able to hook up to electricity and water and use the dump station in a beautiful place. That evening we ate at the Fire Lake Lodge where we were served the most delicious dinner in the most pleasant surroundings. I recommend Fire Lake as a first class eating establishment.

That evening Tammy and I bowled at the new bowling alley which is also a first-rate facility. Anyone visiting the Potawatomi complex has to be proud of the entire layout. Upon our return to our motor home, we had a courtesy visit from the Potawatomi police who had been made aware of our overnight stay.

I am enclosing a check payable to the HowNiKan as a small token of our appreciation for the hospitality we received.

Very truly yours,

Jim and Dorothy Coder
Topeka, Kansas

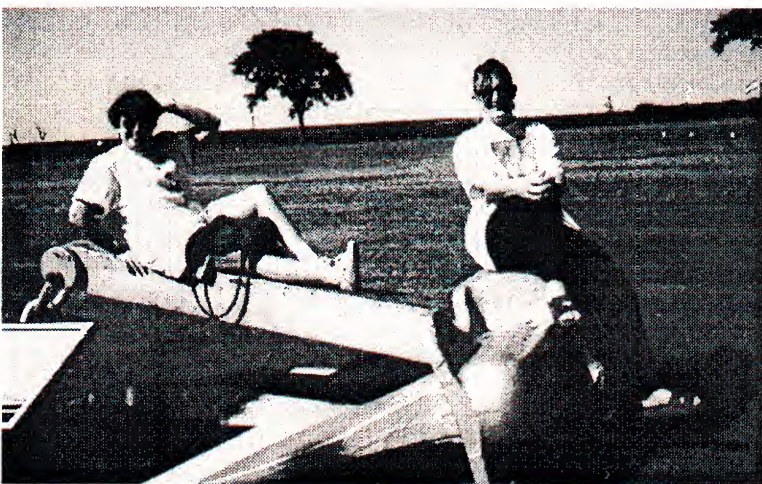


Traditional Meals, Prepared On The Spot, Were A Highlight Of The Gathering Of The Nations

This Beautiful Beaded Crown Was Worn By The 1996-97 Gathering Of The Potawatomi Nations Princess



Hannahville Chairman Ken Mishagaud, Second From Right, Speaks At Gathering. At Far Left Is Forrest County Chairman Phil Shopodock, Second From Left Is Prairie Chairwoman Mamie Rupnicki, And Citizen Potawatomi Nation Chairman John Barrett Is At Right.



Sheryl Barrett And Beverly Bibb Accompanied Their Husbands On The Trip To The Gathering



Among The Many Special Ceremonies That Were Part Of The 1996 Gathering Of The Nations Was The Presentation Of Staffs To Potawatomi Elders

Barrett: Feeling of unity, brotherhood was unforgettable

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The Hannahville Indian Community provided traditional meals of fry bread, meat gravy, venison, wild rice and boiled vegetables for each of the meeting days. In addition to a powwow, each day featured meetings with elders, discussions on the Native American Graves Repatriation Act, the selection of a "Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations" princess, Potawatomi language preservation, and a traditional giveaway by the Hannahville Potawatomis. Meetings were held under a traditional brush arbor, with shade provided by the flat cedar boughs of the region. "The smell was just wonderful," Barrett recalled.

Special ceremonies were held in presenting the "Gathering of the Nations" ceremonial staff to the Citizen Potawatomi for use at the next Gathering. The staff will be passed on each

year to the host tribe or nation. A special pipe ceremony was conducted by Stewart King of the Canadian Potawatomi in prayer for the Potawatomi people. Chairman John Barrett was presented with a star quilt made by the elder women of the Hannahville community.

Barrett presented the attending tribal chairmen and chairwomen with the traditional gifts of tobacco, cedar and sage bundles and presented them with Pendleton blankets on behalf of the Business Committee of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

"This is the first time that I've understood that the lands around Lake Michigan, the traditional home of the Anishnabek 'where food grows on water' (wild rice), is the land the Creator intended for us to occupy," Barrett said after returning from the Gathering. "It made me realize how important main-

taining a connection with our aboriginal lands is to being Potawatomi. I have never been in a gathering of Potawatomis where the casual conversation about family, food, sports and jokes was in Potawatomi. We miss so much in not using our language each day.

"The feeling of unity and brotherhood was an experience I'll never forget," Barrett continued. "The Citizen Potawatomi have probably lost the most in being separated for so long from other Potawatomi. Many of our gatherings in Oklahoma are intertribal and carry with them the natural tensions that cultural differences between tribes often have. Even though we work and pray to be brothers with other Native Americans at our gatherings, the differences can't be erased.

"This gathering had none of that tension. I could feel it as soon as I got out of my car and remarked to Sheryl,

'this feels like home.' The hospitality shown by Ken Mishagaud and the Hannahville Potawatomi was more than generous. We were treated like family. The wonderful feeling of being surrounded by Potawatomi in the celebration of our culture is something I hope many Citizen Potawatomi will take advantage of next August."

Barrett stressed that "This gathering is important. I regret having missed the first two. All of the disputes of history between the different groups of Potawatomi are gone. All of us realize the value of celebrating our Potawatomi culture together while recognizing the sovereignty of each of our nations and tribes ultimately determines our destiny. Our identity as Potawatomi requires that we preserve our language, culture, religion and history. This is best done by sharing between all the Potawatomi nations and tribes."